

Town of Hampton
Board of Finance
Special Meeting
June 10, 2026
7PM

Call to Order: The Special Meeting was called to order at 7PM.

Roll Call/Seating of Alternates

Present: Kathy Donahue, Nick Brown, Joan Fox, Kate Donnelly-Colt, Ed Adelman, Regina DeCesare, Fran Gustavesen, First Selectman Allan Cahill, Selectman John Tillinghast, Hampton Elementary School Board of Education Chairman Mark Becker, Treasurer Ellen Rodriguez, Recording Clerk Dayna McDermott Arriola

Citizens Comments: none.

Discussion and Possible Action on Setting the Mill Rate

Chairman Donahue announced that the Town Government Budget passed at the June 9 referendum on a vote of 210 in favor and 114 opposed, but the Elementary School Budget did not on a vote of 146 in favor to 179 opposed. Board of Education Chairman Becker confirmed that the school board is tentatively meeting on June 17th to discuss the budget. Chairman Donahue suggested that the finance board set the mill rate at the current 21.48 in order to send the tax bills in a timely manner, noting that if the proposed budget had passed, the mill rate would have been 21.86. She explained that an adjusted bill can be sent to taxpayers in the second installment if necessary. Nick Brown and Ed Adelman raised questions concerning the collection rate, reportedly 95% of the gross Grand List, noting that the Town might expect a rate of collection of 98 – 99%.

Since the Town's assessment for the Regional District #11 budget was considerably less this year due to changes in the three towns' enrollments, including fewer Hampton students at Parish Hill Middle/High School. Joan Fox suggested that money be budgeted and put aside in anticipation of a future assessment rising due to increased enrollment. Chairman Donahue cautioned against this as the assessment is also based on the enrollment of students from the two other towns as well as student choices for alternate high schools. She explained the way the assessment is calculated to include enrolled students and some of the students enrolled in other schools. Connecticut Technical students are not counted in the assessment numbers. Mr. Cahill noted that currently more Hampton students are enrolled in schools other than Parish Hill. Nick Brown also noted that the town has a good cushion in its undesignated fund balance.

Motion: Nick Brown, seconded by Joan Fox, to set the mill rate at 21.48. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Comments: none.

Adjournment: The Special Meeting adjourned at 7:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dayna McDermott Arriola
Recording Secretary

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